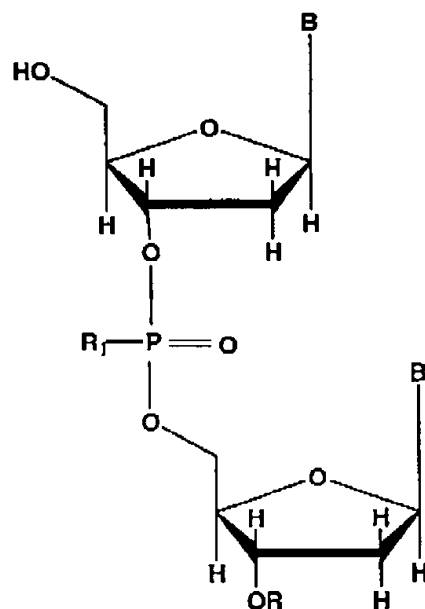


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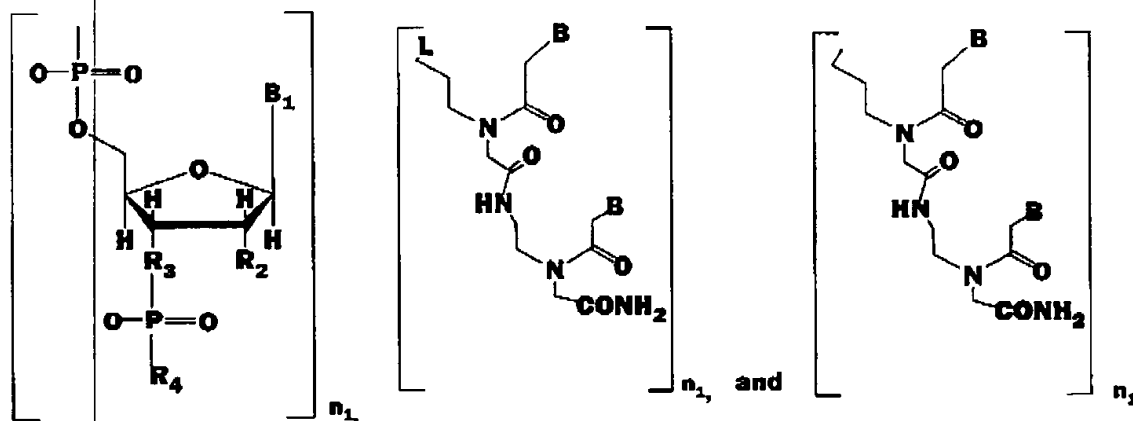
IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended twice) Chimeric oligonucleotides of the general formula I



wherein R is selected from the group consisting of



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and

wherein

 $n > 10; \leq 20$ $R_1 = S, CH_3, O$ $B =$ thymine, cytosine, adenine, guanine $n_1 > 3; \leq 17$ $B_1 =$ thymine, cytosine, adenine, guanine, 5-propyluracile, 5-propylcytosine; $R_2 =$ H, F, NH_2 , O-alkyl (C_1-C_5), O-allyl, O-methoxyethoxy, $R_3 =$ NH, O, provided that if $R_3 = NH$, $R_2 \neq NH_2$, is O-alkyl (C_1-C_5), O-allyl, O-methoxyethoxy, $R_4 =$ 2', 3'-dideoxy-3'-fluoroguanosine, 2', 3'-dideoxy-3'-azidoguanosine, 2', 3'-dideoxy-3'-aminoguanosine, 2', 3'-epoxyguanine, acyclovir, ganciclovir, 2'-deoxyadenosine, 2'-deoxyguanosine, 2'-deoxycytidine, 2'-deoxythymidine, $L =$ $-(PO_2)-OCH_2-COH-CH_2-NH-$ or $-(PO_2)-OCH_2-CH(CH_2COOH)-(CH_2)_4NH-$,

and wherein each chimeric oligonucleotide comprises a nucleotide sequence capable of hybridizing to the RNA component of the telomerase.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Please charge any further insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the allegedly inappropriate sequence, and instead requires that each oligo have a sequence that hybridizes to the telomerase RNA component.